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SUBJ: BANANAS: GENERAL TORRIJOS DENIES COSTA RICAN CHARGES OF
INTERFERENCE

REF: SAN JOSE 1738

1. LOCAL WEEKEND PRESS CARRIED DENIAL BY GENERAL TORRIJOS THAT HE HAD INTERFERED IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF COSTA RICA, RESPONDING TO CRITICISM FROM BANANA PRODUCERS THERE THAT HE INFLUENCED INCREASE IN COSTA RICAN BANANA EXPORT TAX, WHICH PRODUCERS COMPLAINED WOULD MAKE COSTA RICAN SHIPMENTS LESS COMPETITIVE. GENERAL STATED THAT HIS VISITS TO SISTER REPUBLICS OF CENTRAL AMERICA HAD NO PURPOSE EXCEPT TO CONSOLIDATE TRADITIONAL TIES OF FRIENDSHIP WITH THESE COUNTRIES. TORRIJOS RETURNED TO SAN JOSE ON PRIVATE VISIT END OF LAST WEEK TO ATTEND WEDDING OF FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO'S DAUGHTER.

2. PRO-GOP "MATUTINO" OF MAY 5 PRINTED COLLAGE OF
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CLIPPINGS OF BANANA STORIES FROM SAN JOSE WEEKEND PAPERS,

WITH COMMENT THAT CAMPAIGN OF TRANSNATIONAL BANANA
COMPANIES AND OTHER ORGANISMS SUCH AS CIA TO DISCREDIT AND
ELIMINATE UPEB IS FAILING AND THAT COSTA RICAN PRESS IS
ATTEMPTING TO UNCOVER AND DENOUNCE SUCH MANEUVERS.
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